



TPW/AT/2837

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventor: Brian K. Tanner
Appli. No.: 10/629,402
Confirm. No.: 7213
Filed: July 28, 2003
Title: APPARATUS FOR SPINDLE BEARING
FRICTION ESTIMATION FOR RELIABLE
DISK DRIVE STARTUP

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 2837
Examiner: Miller, Patrick L.

Customer No. 23910

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Thomas A. Ward (Attorney Signature)
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Signature Date: October 4, 2005

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Sir:

Transmitted with this communication in connection with the above-identified application are the following:

- A Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 to the Office Action dated _____.
- A Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 to the Office Action dated August 4, 2005.
- A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.
- Applicant(s) qualify for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- An Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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No fee is required with this communication.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established.

A fee for extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 filed within ___ month(s) after the original time for response of \$___ is due.

A fee of \$180.00 is due for the submission of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

A fee for addition of claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 is due as follows:

FEES	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate Small Entity/Other Than Small Entity	Total
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	<u>10</u> * -	<u>35</u> **	<u>0</u>	X \$ 25.00 X \$ 50.00	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	<u>4</u> * -	<u>8</u> ***	<u>0</u>	X \$ 100.00 X \$ 200.00	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$180.00 + \$360.00	\$0
				TOTAL	\$0

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 4, 2005

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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In response to the Office Action mailed August 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as indicated beginning on the following page.